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February 14, 2011

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**MUR 6445** Re:

Dear Ms. Collins:

We write as counsel to Obama Victory Fund and Andrew Tobias, Treasurer. (collectively, "OVF") in response to a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") by Jeff Larson on December 20, 2010 (the "Complaint").

The Complaint alleges that OVF accepted a contribution from a "foreign national" in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441e. However, the contributor in question, Edward John Izzard, is not a "foreign national." It is our understanding that Mr. Izzard is a "lawfully-admitted permanent resident," he has a "green card," and is thus permitted to make contributions to OVF under 2 U.S.C. § 441e(b)(2). Additionally, when OVF accepted the contribution in question, there were no facts that would lead a reasonable person to conclude or inquire whether Mr. Izzard was a foreign national under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(a). As Mr. Larson

Published reports smeafirm that Mr. Izzuid has a "green card." See, e.g., Rachel E. Saassen-Borger, "FHC complaint filed against Franken committee." Minneapolis Star-Tribune (Dec. 16, 2010) available at http://www.startribune.com/politics/blogs/112033274.html?elr=KArks:DCiUec7PaP3E77K 0c::D3aDhUiacyKUnci aec8O7EyUr.

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acknowledges in a follow-up letter to the FEC, the Complaint should thus be immediately dismissed. The Commission should find no reason to believe that OVF violated the Act.

Very tyuly yours,

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